

see this man?<sup>1</sup> he said to we, point in;: with his :q»onn to the stranger; 'he in an aristocrat, a Uourhonist, a rhoumt; it j<sub>s</sub> the Abbe —, one of the- editors of the *Jnurnn?* </nv *Ik'/mfs* — a sworn enemy to Napoleon, a fanatic partisan of the Bourbons; he is one of our men."<sup>\*</sup> I locked at him. At every fresh epithet of the Minister the Abbe bowed his head down to his plate with a smile of cheerfulness and seir-eomplaeeney, and with a sort of leer, I never .saw a more ignoble counte.-nance. Fouehe explained to me, on leaving the l»reakfast-table, in what manner all these valets of lit.enit.im\* were men of his, ami while. I acknowledged to myself that the system might be necessary, I scarcely knew who were really more despicable—the wretches who thus sold themselves- to the highest bidder, or the minister who boasted of having bought them, as if their acquisition were u glorious conquest. Judging that the Emperor had spoken t.o me of I lie scene I have described above, Konchc said to iw», \*Th«<sup>i</sup> Kuperur's temper is soured by the resistance hi\* finds, and he thinks it is my fault. He. does not know that 1 have, no power but by public opinion. To-morrow I might hang l»efore my door twenty pert»ons obnoxious to public opinion, though I ijmuld not be able to imprison for four and twenty hours any individual Favored by it.<sup>7</sup> As I am never in a hurry to speak I remained silent., but, reflecting on what the Emperor had said Concerning Kouehe 1 found the comparison of their two speeches remarkable. The master could have his minister hanged with public uppluu,sc, and the minister conic! hung—\* whom ? IVrhnj\*\* tip\* nutster himself, and with the. same approbation. What u singular situation I — and I believe they were l>oth in the right; so far public opinion, equitable\* in regard to Koitelus hud swerved conc<\*rning the Kin|»ror."

Let us now turn to Napoleon in his novel character of constitutional monarch. One of hi.s first professions in that, capacity was his granting full liberty to tin\* prrss. "The press," said ho, "that mighty engine of enlightenment, shall be infinitely more free in France than in Knglami!<sup>if</sup> To earry this into execution he established *in&fH'rtttr\** <//i#\* *twukwltr.*<sup>™</sup>! "The Minister of Police (Fouchfi), a

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